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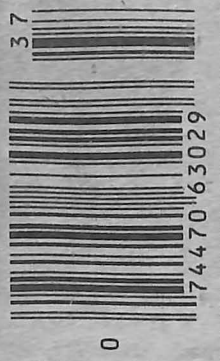
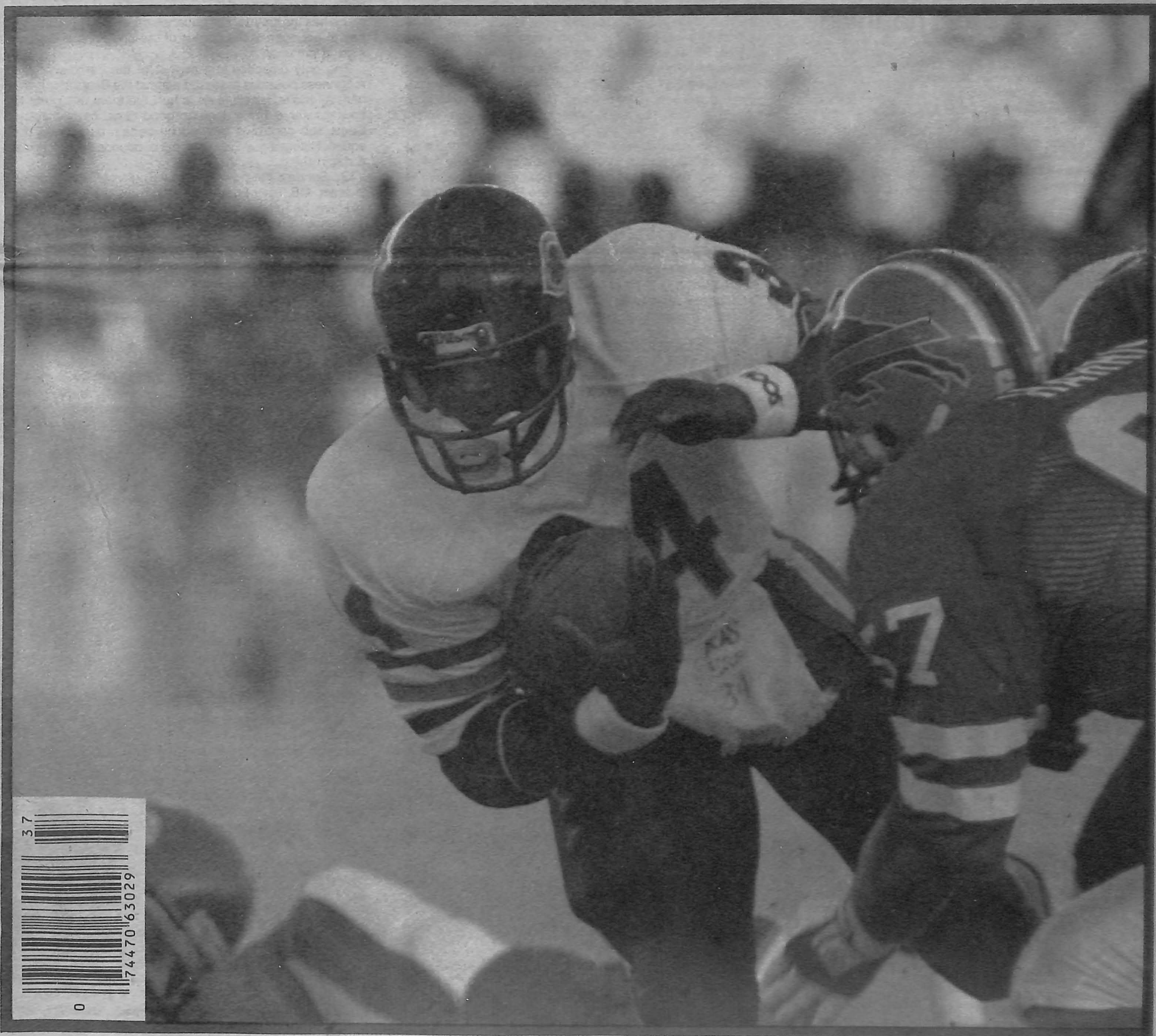
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**RUNNING back Walter Payton** rushed for 120 yards in the season opener vs. Tampa Bay. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



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## Commentary



By  
Doug  
Buffone



## Great Teams Win These Games

Many people laughed last season when I said the Bears had joined the upper class of the NFL. Most football followers figured the Bears were just a typical NFC Central team and would fade back to mediocrity after one strong year. I don't think anybody is laughing now.

If last Sunday's 38-28 come-from-behind thriller over Tampa Bay doesn't convince people that the Bears are a team to be reckoned with, I don't know what will. During the past few seasons, all of the great teams have had to win games like this. Miami, San Francisco, Washington, Dallas and the Raiders never get discouraged when they are trailing by two touchdowns. These teams usually find a way to pull out a victory when things look bleak.

**THE BEARS SHOWED** tons of character in coming back from a 14-point deficit. I remember many Bears teams that I played on that couldn't have come back after trailing by two touchdowns in the first half. Up until a few years ago, the Bears didn't have the talent to attempt a comeback. Now they do.

This Bear squad is by far the best group of Chicago players since the Halas heydays. Even though two key defensive players are still missing, the Bear defense is still one of the best units in the NFL. And the Bear offense has finally come of age.

Those 28 points scored by the Buccaneers in the first half are quite deceiving. Actually, only two touchdowns were given up by the defense. The other two were set up by special teams' errors. At half-time Buddy Ryan made the proper adjustments and they resulted in a complete shut out of Tampa Bay in the second half. It was the type of performance Bear fans became accustomed to last year.

**OF COURSE, LESLIE** Frazier's interception was the key play of the half. When healthy, this guy is a very dependable cornerback and he knows how to make big plays. Richard Dent tipped the Steve DeBerg pass and Frazier

was right there to run it into the end zone. This lit a fire under the rest of the Chicago squad.

I bet a few people are surprised that the Bears can score as much as they did on Sunday. But I'm not. Many times last year, I said Jim McMahon is developing into one of the best quarterbacks in the league and he was having a Pro Bowl season until he sustained kidney lacerations vs. the Raiders in November. On Sunday, McMahon was one of the most effective quarterbacks in the league as he ran for two touchdowns and threw for two six-pointers. Not only does he have the ability to guide a team to victory, he has the smarts. His patience on waiting for Matt Suhey to get open in the corner of the end zone is a great sign of maturity.

The only disappointing aspect of the game was the roughness penalties assessed against the Bears in the first half. All those penalties do is hurt the team. It's great to be aggressive, but it does no good to get carried away. Some self control is needed by certain players on the squad. Hitting a guy five yards out of bounds doesn't prove a damn thing.

On Sunday, the powerful New England Patriots come to town. QB Tony Eason and his flock of fine receivers will give the Bear defense a good test. New England also possesses some fine running backs, including fullback Craig James. He is one of the best backs in the AFC.

In recent years, the Bears have played well against AFC teams and hopefully the trend will continue on Sunday. With the return of Bud Grant at Minnesota, the Bears can't afford to go into that nationally-televised game at the Metrodome with a .500 mark.

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Doug's picks for next week's games can be found on page 10 of this issue.



**DEFENSIVE TACKLE DAN Hampton (99)** grabs Tampa Bay tailback James Wilder by the facemask. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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## McMahon Accounts For Four Touchdowns

# Second Half Surge Leads To Bear Win

By Mark Friedlander  
Editor

Just because other past champions of the NFC Central have had problems defending their titles, it doesn't mean the Bears are planning to hand over their crown to a division foe.

And just because the Bears may fall behind by two touchdowns in a particular ball game, it doesn't mean they are going to fold up the tent and start planning for next week. On a sweltering day at Soldier Field last Sunday, the Bears showed the Tampa Bay Buccaneers they mean business this season.

**AFTER FALLING BEHIND** 21-7 in the second quarter and going into the locker room at the half trailing 28-17, the Bear defense put up a road block in the second half and the offense got its scoring machine into gear. And with a little help from the special teams, the Bears came away with a convincing 38-28 victory in front of 57,828 faithful.

"It means nothing that we're the defending champs. Every Sunday you have to prove yourself. You can't take anything for granted," said a beaming Jay Hilgenberg following the contest.

"Mike (Ditka) stressed in the team meeting last night that it's not the defense, it's not the offense, it's the Chicago Bears. As long as we play together, we're gonna be a hard team to beat. I don't care if it's San Francisco or Minnesota or whoever it is. As long as we play together, we're gonna go a long way," said DT Dan Hampton.

"**I DON'T KNOW IF** we've ever had a game like this where we came from behind and won. It will be a great character builder for us," he added.

This victory also put the Bears in a three-way tie for first place with division rivals Minnesota and Detroit. Both of those teams came away with upset victories in their openers.

"It's very important to open the season with a win over a division team," said TE Emery Moorehead. "All of our division teams are tough. It's nice to get a win like this under our belts. There was a time when the Bears would not have been able to come back after letting up 28 points in the first half."

**A COMBINATION OF** defensive errors and special team goofs helped the Buccaneers score four touchdowns in the first half. But on the second play of the third quarter, cornerback Leslie Frazier intercepted a Steve DeBerg pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown which closed the gap to 28-24. That play gave the Bears the spark they needed to come away with a victory.

"You look for one thing to trigger you. It shocked me when I saw it," said Ditka. "I said 'There it is. That's what we needed.'"

"To come out and not even step on the field and get seven points closer is really something," said quarterback Jim McMahon. "I don't know what Buddy (Ryan) told them at the half, but they played their butts off in the second half. It was the key play of the ball game."

**THE BALL WAS** tipped at the line of scrimmage by DE Richard Dent and Frazier was in the perfect spot to grab it. It was no contest as he raced untouched into the end zone.

"It may have looked easy, but it really wasn't," said Frazier. "If you don't read the quarterback right on that particular play, all you'll end up doing is making the tackle on the receiver after he catches the ball. In some ways it was easy but it was made easy by Richard tipping the ball."

"I got my hands on it and it slowed it up enough for Leslie," said Dent. "At halftime, Buddy said we can pull our skirts up and keep playing like we were or we could go back out there and play like we're capable of playing. I think he was embarrassed by what we did in the first half."

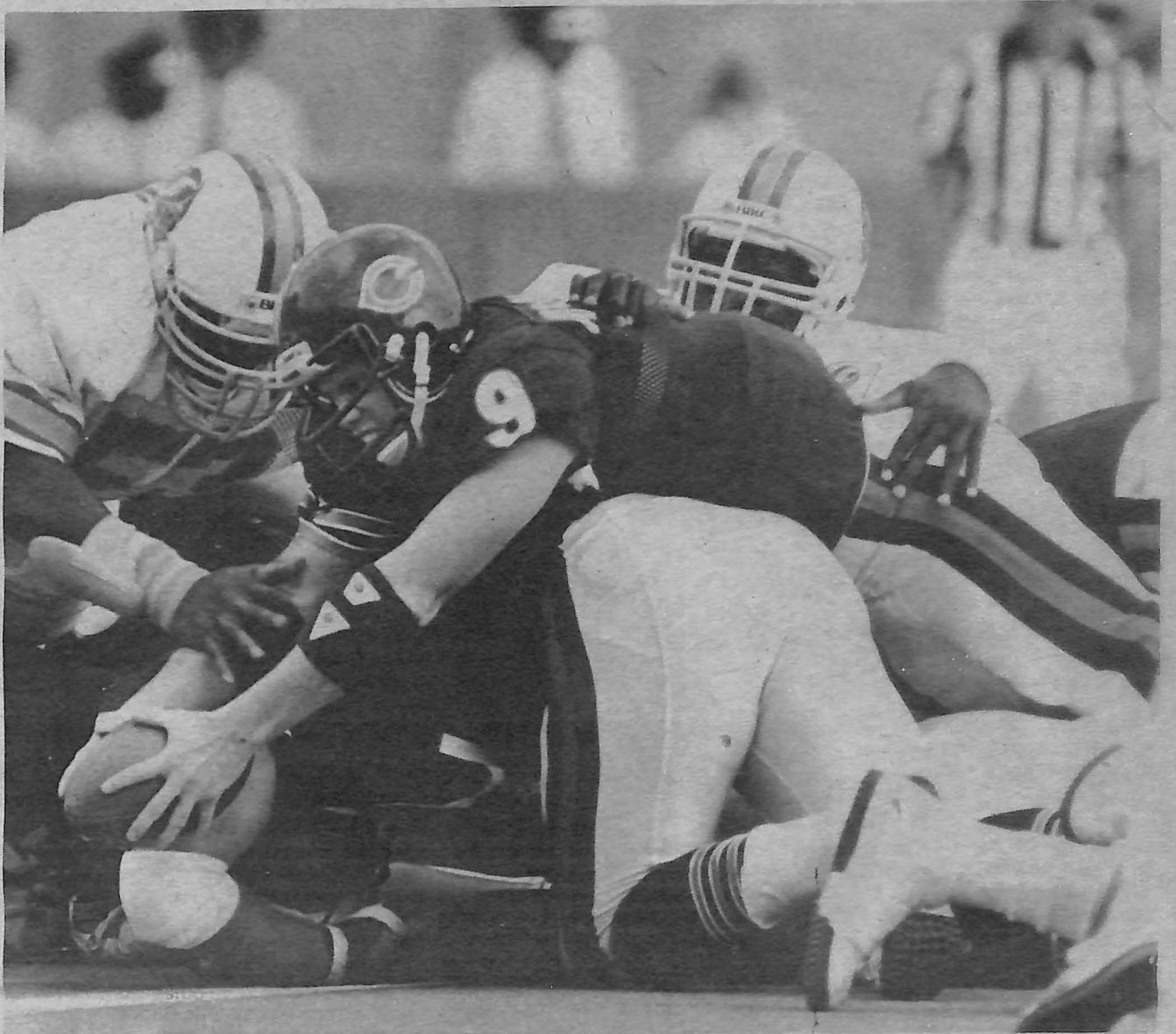
**BUT THERE WAS** nothing embarrassing about what the defense did in the second half. It held Tampa Bay to just 95 yards and four first downs. And Dent recorded two sacks.

"It was disappointing giving up all those points in the first half but I really believe some good things come out of everything," said LB Mike Singletary. "I'm glad it happened in this game. It gives us a chance to get all the kinks out. Tampa did a lot of really good things to us and you have to give credit to them. But down the road we'll be a great defense. We'll be where we want to be in a few weeks."

While the defense got its act together at the half, the offense also made a few adjustments. Even though it had scored two touchdowns in the first half, the offense still looked a bit shaky at times. But late in the quarter, under the direction of McMahon, the offense began a scoring drive which put the Bears in the lead for good.

**FOLLOWING A PUNT**, the Bears took possession at their own 38. On first down, McMahon connected with WR

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QUARTERBACK JIM McMAHON (9) barely gets the ball over the plane of the goal line to score a touchdown in the second quarter. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



SAFETY GARY FENCIK lets side judge Gerry Austin know he doesn't agree with a certain call. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



# Bears-Bucs Official Stats

## SCORING SUMMARY

Tampa Bay Buccaneers	14	14	0	0	—	28
Chicago Bears	7	10	14	7	—	38

TB Bucs, 1, Magee, 1-yd. pass from DeBerg (Igwebuike, kick) (7-71)  
 C. Bears, 1, McKinnon, 21-yd. pass from McMahon (Butler, kick) (10-80)  
 TB Bucs, 1, House, 44-yd. pass from DeBerg (Igwebuike, kick) (1-44)  
 TB Bucs, 2, J. Bell, 11-yd. pass from DeBerg (Igwebuike, kick) (1-11)  
 C. Bears, 2, McMahon, 1-yd. run (Butler kick) (7-67)  
 C. Bears, 2, Butler, 38-yd. field goal (5-32)  
 TB Bucs, 2, Wilder, 3-yd. run (Butler kick) (5-78)  
 C. Bears, 3, Frazier, 29-yd. pass interception return (Butler kick)  
 C. Bears, 3, Suhey, 9-yd. pass from McMahon (Butler kick) (8-62)  
 C. Bears, 4, McMahon, 1-yd. run (Butler kick) (2-13)

Weather: Sunny and humid, temperature 81 degrees, wind and direction S 7 mph

Attendance 57,828, Tickets Distributed 65,790, Unused 7,962, Time 3:19

## FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Buccaneers	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	17	27
By Rushing	7	10
By Passing	7	15
By Penalty	3	2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-9	6-12
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	1-1	0-0
TOTAL NET YARDS	307	436
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	52	71
Av. Gain per Off. Play	5.9	6.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	166	185
Total Rushing Plays	29	34
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	5.7	5.4
NET YARDS PASSING	141	251
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	2-19	3-23
Gross Yds. Passing	160	274
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	21-13-2	34-23-1
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	6.1	6.8
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	6-36.8	2-57.5
Had Blocked	1	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	137	99
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	1-21	3-26
No. and Yds. KO Returns	4-116	2-44
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	1-0	2-29
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	12-80	8-78
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	0-0	2-2
TOUCHDOWNS	4	5
Rushing	1	2
Passing	3	2
Returns	0	1
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	4-4	5-5
FG MADE — ATT.	0-1	1-3
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:41	33:19



QUARTERBACK JIM McMAHON confers with head coach Mike Ditka (center) and offensive coordinator Ed Hughes during a time out. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

## FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Tampa Bay Buccaneers

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long	Gain	TD
Wilder	27	166	6.1	24	1	
DeBerg	2	0	0.0	0	0	

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	TD	LG	Had Int.
DeBerg	21	13	160	2/19	3	44	2

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Wilder	1	5	5	0
Giles	1	18	18	0
J. Bell	6	74	18	1
Magee	1	1	1	1
House	1	44	44	1
Carter	3	18	9	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Castille	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Garcia	5	221	44.2	0	1	54
*Blocked	1					

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Bright	1	0	21	21	0
*Touchback	1				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Freeman	2	79	58	0
Bright	1	22	22	0
Magee	1	15	15	0

FUMBLES	Opp. Rec.	Yds.	TD
Sully	1	0	0
Davis	1	0	0

### Chicago Bears

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long	Gain	TD
Payton	17	120	7.1	26	0	
Suhey	8	27	3.4	9	0	
Thomas	3	12	4.0	5	0	
McMahon	4	18	4.5	10	2	
Gentry	2	8	4.0	5	0	

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	TD	LG	Had Int.
McMahon	34	23	274	3/23	2	27	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Payton	6	37	10	0
Gault	4	60	22	0
McKinnon	4	58	21	1

Wrightman	1	27	27	0
Thomas	3	32	15	0
Moorehead	2	31	25	0
Margerum	2	20	16	0
Suhey	1	9	9	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Fencik	1	0	0	0
Frazier	1	29	29	1

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Buford	2	115	57.5	1	0	65

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Taylor	3	1	26	14	0
*Out of bounds	1				
*Blocked by Gayle	1				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Gentry	2	44	26	0

FUMBLES	Fum.	Own Rec.	Yds.
Taylor	1	0	0
Suhey	1	0	0

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

### Buccaneers

	T	A	SK	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Holt	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Castille	6	0	0	0	1	1	0
Greenwood	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Curry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sully	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brantley	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Green	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Browner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	7	0	1	2	0	0	1
Morgan	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lindstrom	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	2	1	1	11	0	0	0
Cannon	3	0	1	10	0	0	0
Holmes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forced Fumbles: Holmes							

### Bears

	T	A	SK	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Frazier	3	2	0	0	1	1	0
Duerson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gayle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
Fencik	6	1	0	0	1	1	0
Singletary	9	1	0	0	0	0	0

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**Buddy Ryan: One Of a Kind**

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And the players love him.

**IT TAKES AWHILE.** Rookies don't immediately see through his drill sergeant side. But veterans appreciate his honesty and respect his talent. More than that, they like him.

He's different from other coaches. He is more human, less distant. He can talk to players in real words, not just in football terminology and epithets. Mike Ditka is that way to a large extent, too, but as the head coach, Ditka can't allow himself to get as close to his players as his defensive coordinator.

By  
Kevin  
Lamb



"Buddy talks to you," says linebacker Otis Wilson. "If you have problems, he'll sit and listen to you. He can relate to you. The thing about Buddy is, he can be your friend, too."

**WILSON DIDN'T ALWAYS** see it that way. In Ryan's eight Bear seasons, he has dealt no one the prolonged and harsh criticism that stung Wilson his first three years. But looking back, Wilson says he needed that. William Perry probably will say the same thing in four or five years.

"Coming out of college, I was like running the show," Wilson says. Ryan had to take the wind out of his sails to point him in the right direction.

But he didn't just yell at Wilson. For two seasons, Ryan

had Wilson stand next to him on the sideline. He explained every play. Wilson learned. Last year, Wilson played so well, Ryan was outraged when he didn't make the Pro Bowl.

**"BUDDY PUTS YOU** in position where you can play your best," Wilson says. To a player, there is nothing more important.

"His system makes players better than their physical credentials," defensive tackle Dan Hampton says. Hampton has gone to three Pro Bowls, but he says, "I wouldn't be as effective in a 3-4 defense."

When there was speculation Ryan might leave for a head coaching job last winter, Bear players cringed at the thought of losing Ryan's system. Linebacker Al Harris said his successor's biggest problem would be to convince the players they could possibly stop an offense with any other defensive system. "He has us so sold on his system," Harris said.

**THE PLAYERS DEFEND** it like mother lions. And they've had many opportunities. It's a controversial system.

It's risky. Ryan's emphasis on pass rushing puts pass defenders in more man-to-man coverage than on most teams, leaves them more vulnerable to a big play. His insistence on multiple formations and coverage schemes makes mistakes more likely.

That's a dangerous combination, reducing the margin for error and increasing the likelihood of error at the same time. Ditka wasn't comfortable with Ryan's system for two years, and he still gets a wistful look when he talks about the 3-4 defense.

**BUT DITKA IS** sincere when he says, "He has great rapport with his people. Our people believe in his system and they find ways to make it work, daggone it."

The Bears led the league last year in most of the significant defensive categories. When they controlled the ball an average of 35 minutes a game — tops in the league by far — it wasn't just because they led the league in rushing.

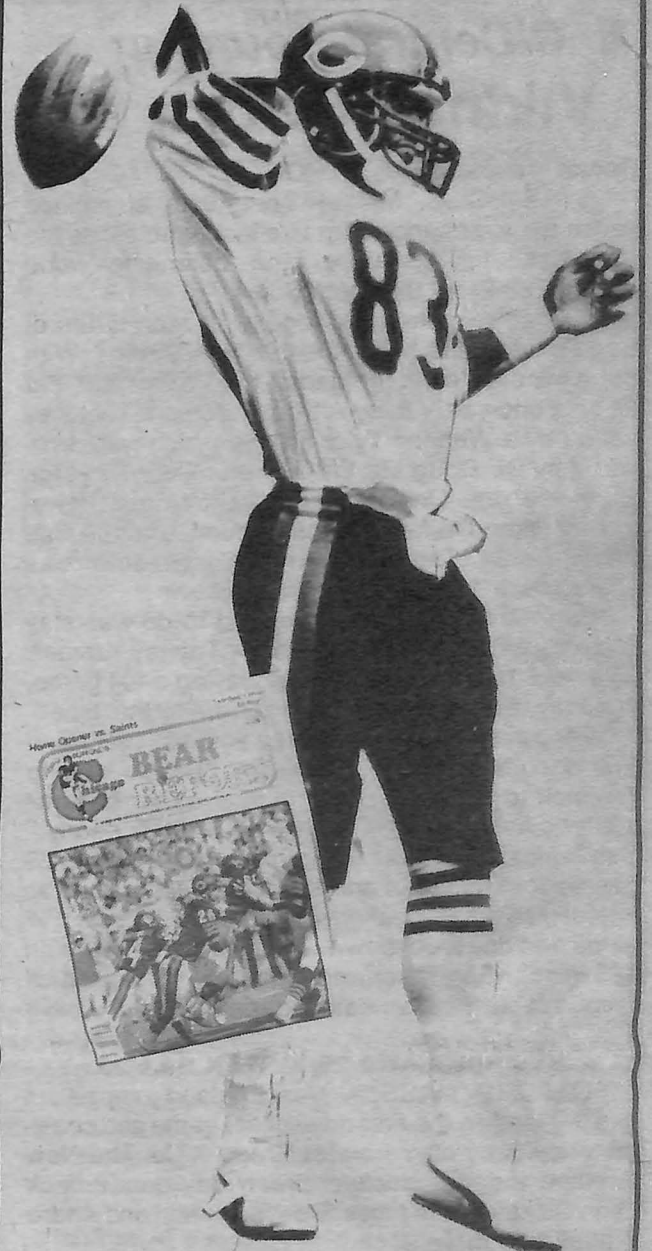
They had a ball-control defense, too. They made teams punt after three downs. They allowed 54 fewer first downs than the team that ranked second. The next 19 teams were

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**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR BUDDY Ryan** (left) discusses strategy with linebacker Mike Singletary. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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# Buddy Ryan

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only 52 first downs apart.

"WE'VE ALWAYS GOT something to stop a team," cornerback Leslie Frazier says.

It isn't just the system. Even if Ryan had gone but his system had stayed, the players doubted they would have been as good. "He's indispensable," Mike Singletary says.

"The MVP of our defense," Hampton says.

FOR ONE THING, he's flexible. "He doesn't ask us to do anything we're not capable of," safety Gary Fencik says. If one of Ryan's brilliantly devised tactics isn't working, he doesn't blame the players. He doesn't simply tell

them to play harder. He changes tactics.

He has been known to tell them, "Gentlemen, we lost because I had a bad game plan.

On the other hand, he expects the players to own up to their mistakes. He calls it "wearing the hat." A player whose mistake leads to a touchdown can get in more trouble for not admitting the mistake to reporters than for making it.

"HE'S A CALL-'em-like-it-is coach," Fencik says.

"Where he may lack the tact you'd like to see, I think all the players appreciate honesty in a coaching staff. Even if he screams and kicks your butt, you don't mind if it's meted out in a fair fashion."

That honesty, so important in Ryan's relationship with players, also makes him more controversial as a person than his system is. He tells truths people don't like to hear. He doesn't kiss up. His colorful candor fits into NFL group-think like a Hawaiian shirt with corporate pinstripes.

This has been an eventful summer for Ryan's bluntness. He has ruffled the feelings of Perry and cornerback Mike Richardson, and he has ruffled the decorum of his superiors. When Ryan assesses something differently than Ditka, Bear executives roll their eyes and ask, "Hey, who's the coach around here anyway?" They say he's not a team man, that he'll gladly take credit when the Bears win but he never has enough talent when they lose.

AFTER RYAN CALLED Perry "a wasted draft choice," implicitly criticizing the decision of Ditka and personnel director Bill Tobin to draft him, Ditka said, "In a lot of organizations, you make that statement, you're gone, period, whoever you are. And in some organizations, it can be tolerated."

Ditka has enough self-confidence to tolerate it. More important, president Michael McCaskey welcomes disagreements, as long as they are grounded in mutual respect.

"There ought to be strong feelings," McCaskey says, "Because that shows people really care about having the best team we possibly can."

IT MAY NOT BE terribly sensitive to use the management critique of motivating players through the press. Frazier and Richardson both were upset last year when Ryan said it was no secret the Bears' cornerbacks were the worst in the league. Richardson could do without being nicknamed L.A. — An almost daily reminder of his unfortunate history of bad games on the West Coast, and he objected to being demoted in mini-camp when he clearly was the best left corner.

"I had to get his attention," Ryan says. To a large extent, a pro athlete's boundless ego is responsible for his success. But it can cause lethargy, too, and when it does, Ryan is there to deflate that ego with his cattle prod.

He doesn't hold grudges, though. And he's as honest with praise as he is with criticism.

RYAN MIGHT SAY Dave Duerson isn't cut out to play strong safety as physically as Todd Bell, but he'll also say Duerson has the finesse and instincts to be an ideal free safety or nickel back. If Duerson improves at strong safety, Ryan will say that, too.

He'll go public if he decides Perry is no longer too fat, Ron Rivera is no longer too slow or Wilber Marshall is no longer too immature. Things change.

"You always know where you stand with Buddy," Singletary says. It's rare for a coach to extend himself that way.

In return, he has earned the players' affection. Not just their fear, their respect, their attention. Their affection. Like fur lining for boxing gloves, the players' affection is something most coaches don't consider necessary, or even desirable. But it motivates the Bears' defense as much as Ryan's scathing scoldings.

"He's our inspiration," Wilson says. "He's a genius. He's one of the guys. He's our enemy. He's our friend. He's everything."

## NFC Central Roundup Vikings Shock the World Champions

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN — The 49ers committed seven turnovers, including five lost fumbles, as the Minnesota Vikings upset the defending world champs 28-21 at the Metrodome.

This game marked the regular season return of Bud Grant as the head coach of the Vikings. With three minutes left in the game, the Vikings tied it at 21 on a one-yard run by Alfred Anderson. That was set up by a Wendell Tyler fumble which was recovered by DE Doug Martin. He returned it 29 yards to the 49er one. On the ensuing kickoff, Joey Brownner recovered Derrick Harmon's fumble at the San Francisco 34. The game-winning touchdown was scored on a 10-yard run by Ted Brown.

"Bud (Grant) told us all we had to do was stay close to them," said quarterback Tommy Kramer. "He said they weren't used to playing a full game, that they usually had teams blown out by that time."

"They played great and they beat us," said San Francisco head coach Bill Walsh. "But we have to go back to the dark ages, maybe as far back as 1980, to find a game when we played this poorly." San Francisco QB Joe Montana completed 24 of 39 passes for 265 yards and two touchdowns but was intercepted twice. Kramer completed 12 of 25 for 191 yards and one touchdown. Tyler led all rushers with 125 yards. San Francisco FB Roger Craig led all receivers with seven catches for 72 yards.

### NEW ENGLAND 26, GREEN BAY 20

FOXBORO, MASS. — New England jumped out to a 7-0 lead on the first drive of the game and coasted to a victory over Forrest Gregg & Co. The New England defense sacked Green Bay quarterback Lynn Dickey seven times. Don Blackmon and Andre Tippett had three each.

"It's frustrating when things don't go right," said

Dickey. "They have two of the best outside linebackers in the league. They're so big and fast."

The biggest play of the game came in the fourth quarter when Craig James scored on a 65-yard run to put the Pats ahead 26-6. The Packers made the final score close with two touchdowns in the closing minutes.

New England QB Tony Eason completed 21 of 28 passes for 241 yards and a touchdown. Dickey hit on 14 of 25 for 209 yards and a touchdown. James led all runners with 99 yards on 12 carries. New England's Derwin Williams led all receivers with 5 catches for 94 yards.

### DETROIT 28, ATLANTA 27

ATLANTA, GA — The Lions held off a late charge by the Falcons to record the first victory for new head coach Darryl Rogers. Late in the third quarter, the Lions took the lead for the first time in the game on a 21-yard TD run by James Jones. Atlanta scored on two field goals in the final quarter.

Detroit quarterback Eric Hipple was intercepted twice in the early going but he bounced back to throw three touchdown passes. They went to Jones (8 yards), WR Jeff Chadwick (15 yards) and Chadwick again (9 yards). Hipple finished the game with 9 of 23 for 188 yards.

"I knew I couldn't let the interceptions shake me, and I didn't think I'd get yanked, but I couldn't help thinking that after a great preseason all I could do was throw the ball and the game to the other team when the real season started," said Hipple.

Atlanta's Gerald Riggs led all rushers with 31 carries for 131 yards. Atlanta QB Steve Bartkowski hit on 16 of 23 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns. Chadwick led all receivers with three catches for 80 yards. The Falcons recorded five sacks and the Lions compiled four.



FULLBACK CALVIN THOMAS (33) rushed three times for 12 yards and also caught three passes for 32 yards vs. the Buccaneers. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

## Bears' Schedule

Sun., Sept. 8	BEARS 38, Tampa Bay 28 (home)
Sun., Sept. 15	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 12 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 19	at Minnesota Vikings, 7 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 29	WASHINGTON REDSKINS 12 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 6	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 12 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 13	at San Francisco 49ers, 3 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 21	GREEN BAY PACKERS, 8 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 27	MINNESOTA VIKINGS, 12 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 3	at Green Bay Packers, 12 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 10	DETROIT LIONS, 12 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 17	at Dallas Cowboys, 12 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 24	ATLANTA FALCONS, 12 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 2	at Miami Dolphins, 8 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS, 12 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 14	at New York Jets, 11:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 22	at Detroit Lions, 12 p.m.
(Home games in CAPS) (all times Central)	



# Special Teams Are More Important Than Ever

Offense, defense and special teams make up any pro football team and last Sunday, each took turns going from goat to hero status as the Bears opened the 1985 campaign with a 38-28 thumping of the Tampa Bay Bucs.

The important thing is the win, especially with Green Bay's loss to this week's Bear opponent, New England, and the Vikings' upset win over the defending champion 49ers.

**THE PERFORMANCE OF** the Bears' special teams is going to be critical if this team is to challenge for an NFC title and a trip to the Super Bowl. Last Sunday, the special units went from the outhouse to the penthouse in the course of 60 minutes of football.

Kevin Butler has "single-footedly" improved the kick-off team. His ability to consistently reach the end zone is a new wrinkle that will help tremendously. Still, on one kick two yards deep into the end zone, Phil Freeman returned it 58 yards. Tampa scored on the next play when Steve DeBerg hit Kevin House for a touchdown. In the second quarter, rookie Ken Taylor was hit by the football off a Frank Garcia punt. Tampa Bay recovered and scored on the next play when DeBerg spotted Jerry Bell in the end zone. Two quick TD's.

Special teams coach Steve Kazor defended Taylor after the game, saying "He's an intense young man who made a mistake. He thought the ball hit somebody else and tried to recover it." As to this week against New England, Kazor said, "I still have confidence in Taylor."

**KEVIN BUTLER** missed a 45-yard field goal attempt when the snap from center Jay Hilgenberg was high. Kazor explained, "Jay's hands were wet and we didn't get him a towel, so it's our fault."

But the special teams also turned in one of the game's big plays when Shaun Gayle blocked a Tampa punt which the Bears converted into a touchdown when Jim McMahon rolled into the end zone untouched. Gayle described a technique that Kazor has been teaching which helped him block the punt.

"We've been working on avoiding the block and this time it worked. You dip your shoulder to avoid the contact, then you've gotta regain your balance in time to get to the kicker," said Gayle. Kazor agreed saying, "We've been working hard on that phase of our game and it paid off today."

**GAYLE'S BLOCKED** punt demonstrates what special teams can contribute to winning games in the NFL. It's not just that the offense gets great field position. A blocked punt generates enthusiasm on the sidelines and pumps everybody up. Look at the success of the Vikings in the 70's when Matt Blair was blocking all those field goal attempts. It's that kind of play that wins titles.

Mike Ditka said after the game that "the special teams didn't play well early, but they made the big play when

we needed it."

Ditka stressed the value of looking at the Bears as a TEAM, not as a collection of "units." "Whether it's the offense, the defense or the special teams that play well, we win or lose as a team," said the fiery Bears' mentor. That's true. Leslie Frazier's interception early in the second half, after a deflection, put seven points on the board before the offense reached the field. The defense shut out the Bucs in the second half and Gayle's play set up the clinching TD.

**SO DITKA HAS** a point. With Todd Bell and Al Harris still missing, winning the opener after trailing 28-17 at one point has to give this team a lift. But look at the division, Detroit and Minnesota won their openers and they were ranked 4 & 5 in the NFC Central by most experts.



By  
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Gonski

You get the feeling from this Bears team that there is no animosity toward "units" and that they will do what it takes to win football games.

These next two games are very important to the Bears. New England is improved and Minnesota gets the Bears next Thursday night at the Metrodome on national TV. It could come down to the play of the special teams that decides these two games.

**CERTAINLY FUMBLING** punts are a no-no, and good snaps are a must for Butler's role. But as Ditka said after Sunday's win, "We had to win a game or two with our special teams this year and maybe this was one of them."

Butler has shown that his ability is no fluke. He attempted a 63-yard field goal against the Bucs which is unheard of in these parts. His strength on kickoffs is unquestionably better than Bob Thomas' but the real test will come in the final seconds of a tight game when the Bears need three points badly.

That could come this week when the Patriots arrive at



TAMPA BAY'S JAMES Wilder (center) dives for a first down. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

Soldier Field for an early test by QB Tony Eason. It looks like the defense will allow more points while they adjust to the absence of Bell and Harris. That means the offense and the special teams will have to contribute mightily if the Bears are to beat the better teams in the league, many of whom dot the 1985 schedule.

The opener was an up and down day for the special teams but with Butler and Gayle delivering, perhaps Ditka will get his wish. More wins courtesy of the special teams. This is the year when special teams coach Steve Kazor can make an important impact on this team's chances. If the coverage on punts and kickoffs improves, the rest may simply fall into place. Over the years, great special teams have made the difference in close games. Expect a lot of close games on the Bears' schedule this year.

## Statistics

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Perry .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hartenstine .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McMichael .....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dent .....	3	0	2	19	0	1	0
Hampton .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Margerum .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suhey .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Forced Fumbles: None

### Special Team Stats Bucs

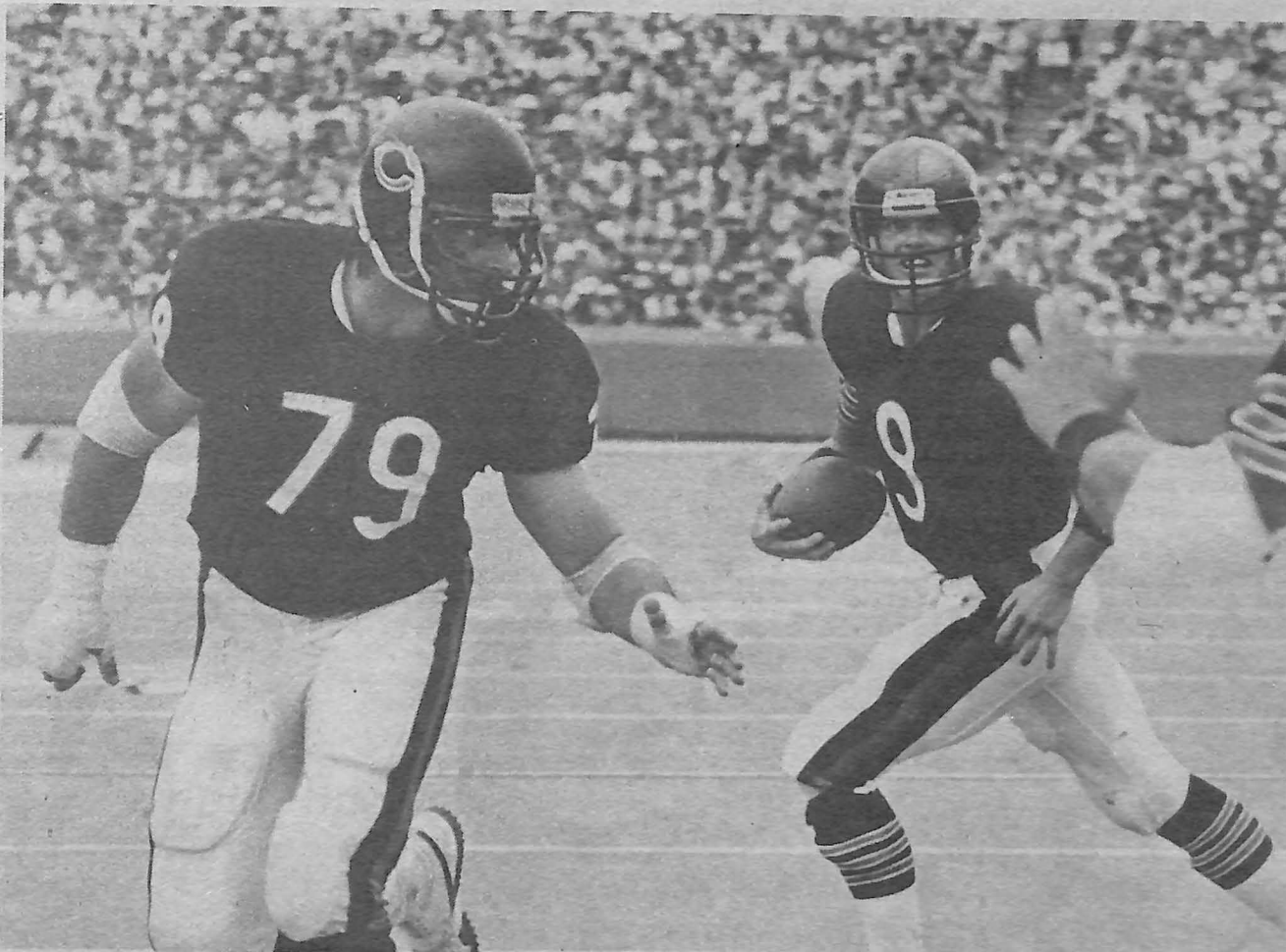
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### Bears

Tackles: Wrightman 2, Thrift 1, Gentry 1, Butler 1. Assists: Wrightman 1. Fumble Recovery: Duerson 1. Fumble: Taylor 1.

## Hutchison Signs With Bills

Veteran running back Anthony Hutchison, who was released by the Bears last week, has been signed by the Buffalo Bills.



GUARD KURT BECKER (79) clears the way for quarterback Jim McMahon on a one-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



# New England Patriots vs. Chicago Bears

Sunday, September 15

Soldier Field  
Chicago, Illinois

12:00 Noon CDT



## New England Pats' Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
1	Tony Franklin	K	5-8	182	28	7	Texas A&M
3	Rich Camarillo	P	5-11	185	25	5	Washington
11	Tony Eason	QB	6-4	212	25	3	Illinois
12	Tom Ramsey	QB	6-1	189	24	1	UCLA
14	Steve Grogan	QB	6-4	210	32	11	Kansas State
21	Derwin Williams	WR	6-0	170	24	1	New Mexico
23	Rod McSwain	CB	6-1	198	23	2	Clemson
24	Robert Weathers	RB	6-2	222	24	4	Arizona State
26	Ray Clayborn	CB	6-0	186	30	9	Texas
28	Jim Bowman	S	6-2	210	21	R	Central Michigan
30	Mosi Tatupu	FB	6-0	227	30	8	S. California
31	Fred Marion	FS	6-2	191	26	4	Miami, FL
32	Craig James	FB	6-0	215	24	2	S. Methodist
33	Tony Collins	FB	5-11	212	26	5	East Carolina
38	Roland James	SS	6-2	191	27	6	Tennessee
40	Greg Hawthorne	WR	6-2	225	28	7	Baylor
42	Ronnie Lippett	CB	5-11	180	24	3	Miami, FL
50	Larry McGrew	LB	6-5	233	28	5	S. California
51	Brian Ingram	LB	6-4	235	25	4	Tennessee
52	Johnny Rembert	LB	6-3	234	24	3	Clemson
54	Ed Williams	LB	6-4	244	24	2	Texas
55	Don Blackmon	LB	6-3	235	27	5	Tulsa
56	Andre Tippett	LB	6-3	241	25	4	Iowa
57	Steve Nelson	LB	6-2	230	34	12	N. Dakota St.
58	Pete Brock	C	6-5	275	31	10	Colorado
60	Garin Veris	DE	6-4	255	22	R	Stanford
61	Ron Wooten	G	6-4	273	26	4	North Carolina
64	Trevor Matich	C	6-4	270	23	R	Brigham Young
66	Paul Fairchild	G	6-4	270	23	2	Kansas
67	Steve Moore	G	6-4	285	24	3	Tennessee State
73	John Hannah	G	6-3	265	34	13	Alabama
75	Guy Morriss	C	6-4	255	34	13	Texas Christian
76	Brian Holloway	T	6-7	288	26	5	Stanford
77	Kenneth Sims	DE	6-5	271	25	4	Texas
80	Irving Fryar	WR-KR	6-0	200	22	2	Nebraska
81	Stephen Starring	WR	5-10	172	24	3	McNeese State
83	Cedric Jones	WR	6-1	184	25	4	Duke
85	Julius Adams	DE	6-3	270	37	14	Texas Southern
86	Stanley Morgan	WR	5-11	181	30	9	Tennessee
87	Lin Dawson	TE	6-3	240	26	5	N. Carolina State
88	Derrick Ramsey	TE	6-5	235	28	8	Kentucky
90	Toby Williams	DE	6-3	254	25	3	Nebraska
95	Ed Reynolds	LB	6-5	230	23	3	Virginia
98	Dennis Owens	NT	6-1	258	25	4	N. Carolina St.
99	Ben Thomas	DE	6-4	280	24	R	Auburn

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RUNNING BACK TONY COLLINS

### Special to the BEAR REPORT

FOXBORO, MASS. — Like many of the club's followers, New England Patriots' defensive end Julius Adams figures its about time that the pro football team from the state of Massachusetts will make it into the playoffs.

"The past three years we've said, 'We're building, we're building,'" says the 15-year veteran who at age 37 is the oldest defensive lineman in the NFL. "Hey, how high are we going to have to build that building? You have to put a top on it sometime. This is the year we're going to put that top on it."

FOR YEARS, THE Patriots have always been a team football experts figured was good enough to make the playoffs. Yet, its only post-season appearance in the last six seasons came in 1982, and that was only because of the players' strike. But head coach Raymond Berry, who is entering his first full season as the field boss of this club, figures his troops are good enough to get into the playoffs this year.

"Our goal in 1985 is to reach the playoffs. I feel we're capable of doing that," he says. "I think we have really exciting potential here — if we can get some breaks, get some players to come through for us, and get an even break with regard to injuries, we should do well."

Midway through the 1984 campaign, Berry replaced Ron Meyer as the head coach of the Patriots even though the club had a winning record (5-3) at the time. The players couldn't stand Meyer and team officials figured they better make a move in order to

## Chicago Bears' Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
4	Steve Fuller	QB	6-4	195	28	7	Clemson
6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	204	23	R	Georgia
8	Maury Buford	P	6-0	191	25	4	Texas Tech
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	190	25	4	BYU
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	195	22	R	Ohio St.
21	Leslie Frazier	CB	6-0	187	26	5	Alcorn St.
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	203	24	3	Notre Dame
23	Shaun Gayle	CB	5-11	193	23	2	Ohio St.
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	27	6	Penn St.
27	Mike Richardson	CB	6-0	188	24	3	Arizona St.
29	Dennis Gentry	RB	5-8	181	26	4	Baylor
31	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	23	R	Texas A&M
31	Ken Taylor	CB	6-1	185	21	R	Oregon St.
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	25	4	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	202	31	11	Jackson St.
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	196	31	10	Yale
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	24	R	S. Methodist
50	Mike Singletary	LB	6-0	228	26	5	Baylor
52	Cliff Thrift	LB	6-1	230	29	7	E.C. Oklahoma St.
54	Brian Cabral	LB	6-1	226	29	7	Colorado
55	Otis Wilson	LB	6-2	232	27	6	Louisville
57	Tom Thayer	G-C	6-4	261	23	R	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	225	23	2	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	239	23	2	California
60	Tom Andrews	OL	6-4	267	24	2	Louisville
62	Mark Bortz	G	6-6	269	24	3	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	258	26	5	Iowa
70	Henry Waechter	DT	6-5	275	26	4	Nebraska
71	Andy Frederick	T	6-6	265	31	9	New Mexico
72	William Perry	DT	6-2	325	22	R	Clemson
73	Mike Hartenstein	DE	6-3	254	32	11	Pennsylvania St.
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	271	25	3	Pittsburgh
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	260	27	6	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	280	27	5	USC
79	Kurt Becker	G	6-5	267	26	4	Michigan
80	Tim Wrightman	TE	6-3	237	25	R	UCLA
81	James Maness	WR	6-1	174	22	R	Texas Christian
82	Ken Margerum	WR	6-0	180	26	4	Stanford
83	Willie Gault	WR	6-0	178	24	3	Tennessee
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	23	3	Florida St.
86	Brad Anderson	WR	6-2	198	24	2	Arizona St.
87	Emery Moorehead	TE	6-2	220	31	9	Colorado
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	24	3	Tennessee St.
98	Tyrone Keys	DE	6-7	267	25	3	Mississippi St.
99	Dan Hampton	DT	6-5	267	27	7	Arkansas

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DE Julius Adams



QB Tony Eason



PK Tony Franklin



WR Irving Fryar



FB Craig James





**LINEBACKER STEVE NELSON**, a 12-year veteran, always makes it tough for opposing running backs. (Photo courtesy of the New England Patriots)



**WIDE RECEIVER STANLEY Morgan** will give Bear defenders a lot to worry about next Sunday. (Photo courtesy of the New England Patriots)

## New England vs. Chicago Lineups

### Patriots' Offense

WR 83 Cedric Jones, 86 Stanley Morgan  
WR 80 Irving Fryar, 81 Stephen Starring  
LT 76 Brian Holloway, 67 Steve Moore  
LG 73 John Hannah, 64 Trevor Matich  
C 58 Pete Brock, 64 Trevor Matich  
RG 61 Ron Wooten, 66 Paul Fairchild  
RT 67 Steve Moore, 66 Paul Fairchild  
TE 87 Lin Dawson, 88 Derrick Ramsey  
QB 11 Tony Eason, 14 Steve Grogan  
RB 33 Tony Collins, 24 Robert Weathers  
RB 32 Craig James, 30 Mosi Tatupu

### Patriots' Defense

LE 77 Ken Sims, 60 Garin Veris  
NT 98 Dennis Owens, 99 Ben Thomas  
RE 90 Toby Williams, 85 Julius Adams  
LOLB 56 Andre Tippett, 51 Brian Ingram  
LILB 57 Steve Nelson, 95 Ed Reynolds  
RILB 50 Larry McGrew, 52 Johnny Rembert  
ROLB 55 Don Blackmon, 54 Ed Williams  
LCB 42 Ronnie Lippett, 23 Rod McSwain  
SS 38 Roland James, 28 Jim Bowman  
FS 31 Fred Marion, 28 Jim Bowman  
RCB 26 Raymond Clayborn, 23 Rod McSwain

### Patriots' Specialists

P 3 Rich Camarillo, 32 Craig James  
PK 1 Tony Franklin, 3 Rich Camarillo  
H 11 Tony Eason, 12 Tom Ramsey  
PC 64 Trevor Matich, 75 Guy Morriss  
KC 64 Trevor Matich, 75 Guy Morriss  
PR 80 Irving Fryar, 38 Roland James  
KR 80 Irving Fryar, 83 Cedric Jones

### Bears' Offense

WR 83 Willie Gault, 82 Ken Margerum  
LT 74 Jim Covert, 71 Andy Frederick  
LG 62 Mark Bortz, 75 Stefan Humphries  
C 63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer  
RG 79 Kurt Becker, 75 Stefan Humphries  
RT 78 Keith Van Horne, 71 Andy Frederick  
TE 87 Emery Moorehead, 88 Pat Dunsmore  
RB 34 Walter Payton, 29 Dennis Gentry  
FB 26 Matt Suhey, 33 Calvin Thomas  
QB 9 Jim McMahon, 4 Steve Fuller  
WR 85 Dennis McKinnon, 86 Brad Anderson

### Bears' Defense

LE 73 Mike Hartenstine, 98 Tyrone Keys  
LT 76 Steve McMichael, 72 William Perry  
RT 99 Dan Hampton, 72 William Perry  
RE 95 Richard Dent, 98 Tyrone Keys  
LLB 55 Otis Wilson, 52 Cliff Thrift  
MLB 50 Mike Singletary, 54 Brian Cabral  
RLB 58 Wilber Marshall, 59 Ron Rivera  
SS 22 Dave Duerson, 23 Shaun Gayle  
FS 45 Gary Fencik, 23 Shaun Gayle  
LCB 27 Mike Richardson, 31 Ken Taylor  
RCB 21 Leslie Frazier, 48 Reggie Phillips

### Bears' Specialists

PK 6 Kevin Butler  
P 8 Maury Buford  
PC 63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer  
KC 63 Jay Hilgenberg, 57 Tom Thayer  
H 4 Steve Fuller, 18 Mike Tomczak  
PR 31 Ken Taylor, 85 Dennis McKinnon  
KR 31 Ken Taylor, 29 Dennis Gentry

### Roster Moves

The Bears placed tight end Pat Dunsmore (pulled quadricep) and guard Stefan Humphries (strained tricep) on injured-reserve last week. To replace them on the active roster, the Bears re-signed offensive lineman Tom Andrews and defensive lineman Henry Waechter. Andrews had been released on the 50-player cut date while Waechter was let go on the final cut.

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save the hopes of getting into the playoffs. But under Berry, the club went only 4-4 and finished at 9-7.

"SINCE I WAS able to see our players in eight games last season, I'm much further ahead than if I was just starting out as a new head coach," says Berry.

One thing Berry learned last year is former Illinois quarterback Tony Eason is one of the best signal-callers in the league. Eason started 13 games in 1984 and finished the campaign as the third-rated quarterback in the NFL (93.4) behind Miami's Dan Marino and San Francisco's Joe Montana. He completed 60 percent of his passes and 23 went for touchdowns.

"I'm tremendously impressed with his versatility," says Berry. "He can throw the touch pass or drill the ball. He can throw the long, short and medium pass. He has real good mobility. He can tuck the ball and go with it when a receiver isn't open. Another thing you have to like about him is his 6-4 height."

**EASON SET A** variety of club passing records in '84 including 141 consecutive passes thrown without an interception. Not bad for a second-year pro. Of course, Eason had a lot of help with quality receivers like Stanley Morgan and Stephen Starring. Morgan caught 38 for 709 while Starring had 46 for 657. New England's top draft pick in 1984, wide receiver Irving Fryar, didn't play much last year due to shoulder and hamstring injuries but is healthy this year and has cracked the starting lineup. Cedric Jones got a lot of playing time during the preseason due to hamstring injuries sustained by Starring and Morgan.

"In the wide receiver position we have real good depth and outstanding speed. We also have a real good blend of experience," Berry said. Fourth-round draft pick Gerald Phelan, a wide receiver out of Boston College, is out for the season following knee surgery.

When Eason isn't throwing the ball, he will be handing it off to running backs Tony Collins and Craig James. Last year, James finished seventh in the AFC with 790 yards while Collins rushed for just 550 yards.

"CRAIG JAMES BROKE as many long runs last year as any back I've been associated with. You don't see long runs in the pros that often because of the kind of speed and pursuit there is in the NFL," Berry said.

The offense's biggest problem area last year was the line. It allowed Eason to be sacked 59 times. That figure is quite surprising since the line includes Pro Bowlers John Hannah (left guard) and Brian Holloway (left tackle). The Patriots drafted offensive lineman Trevor Matich (BYU) on the first round last spring but he hasn't been able to crack the starting lineup.

The club's defense ranked fifth in the conference last year (6th vs. rush, 5th vs. pass) and features many top quality players. Among them is outside linebacker Andre Tippett who set a team record with 18½ sacks a year ago.

"HE MAKES THE really outstanding play each and every game," said Berry. "Andre always comes up with the kind of play that brings you to your feet. He has the knack of getting to the ball carrier and bringing him down." Tippett plays along side another Pro Bowl linebacker, Steve Nelson.

"He is probably our most valuable defensive player," said Berry.

The Patriots also feature an aggressive defensive line. The star of that group is former top draft pick Kenneth Sims. The four-year veteran recorded only 3½ sacks in 1984 but he had 21 quarterback pressures. Nose tackle Lester Williams is on injured-reserve with a knee injury and has been replaced by Dennis Owens. Toby Williams starts at right end ahead of Julius Adams.

"TOBBY IS DEVELOPING better and better as the seasons go by," said Berry.

New England's defensive backfield, which recorded 14 interceptions a year ago, features Ronnie Lippett and Raymond Clayborn at the corners, and Ronald James and Fred Marion at the safeties. Selected as a first alternate for the Pro Bowl, Clayborn tied with Lippett for the team interception lead in 1984 with three, and he led the club in deflected passes with 15.

"In man to man coverage, I feel Ray Clayborn is as good as there is in the business," says Berry. "He doesn't have outstanding size, but he's a tough tackler and great competitor."

The Patriots employ one of the best placekicker/punter combinations in the league. Placekicker Tony Franklin hit on 22 of 28 field goals a year ago while Rich Camarillo had a 42.1 punting average. He missed the first nine games due to a knee injury. With the release of return specialist Clarence Weathers on the final cut, Fryar will take over the punt and kickoff return duties. During the preseason, Fryar returned only one punt (for 15 yards) and no kickoffs.



DEFENSIVE TACKLE KEN Sims, the Patriots' top draft pick in 1982, has yet to play up to his reputation. (Photo courtesy of the New England Patriots)

## Doug's Picks

CHIEFS by THREE over RAIDERS  
*Kansas City will shock the nation.*

BEARS by SIX over PATRIOTS  
*New England will be a tough foe.*

49ERS by TEN over FALCONS  
*San Francisco will be angry.*

BILLS by SIX over JETS  
*New York is the pits!*

BENGALS by THREE over CARDINALS  
*Cincinnati is a solid team.*

COWBOYS by FOUR over LIONS  
*Detroit can make it interesting.*

REDSKINS by SEVEN over OILERS  
*Houston is tougher than usual.*

COLTS by ONE over DOLPHINS  
*Indy will definitely beat the spread.*

RAMS by SEVEN over EAGLES  
*Philadelphia is fading fast.*

BUCCANEERS by SEVEN over VIKINGS  
*Tampa Bay bounces back.*

BRONCOS by TEN over SAINTS  
*Everybody beats New Orleans.*

PACKERS by TWO over GIANTS  
*Green Bay survives in home opener.*

SEAHAWKS by SIX over CHARGERS  
*Seattle is an excellent team.*

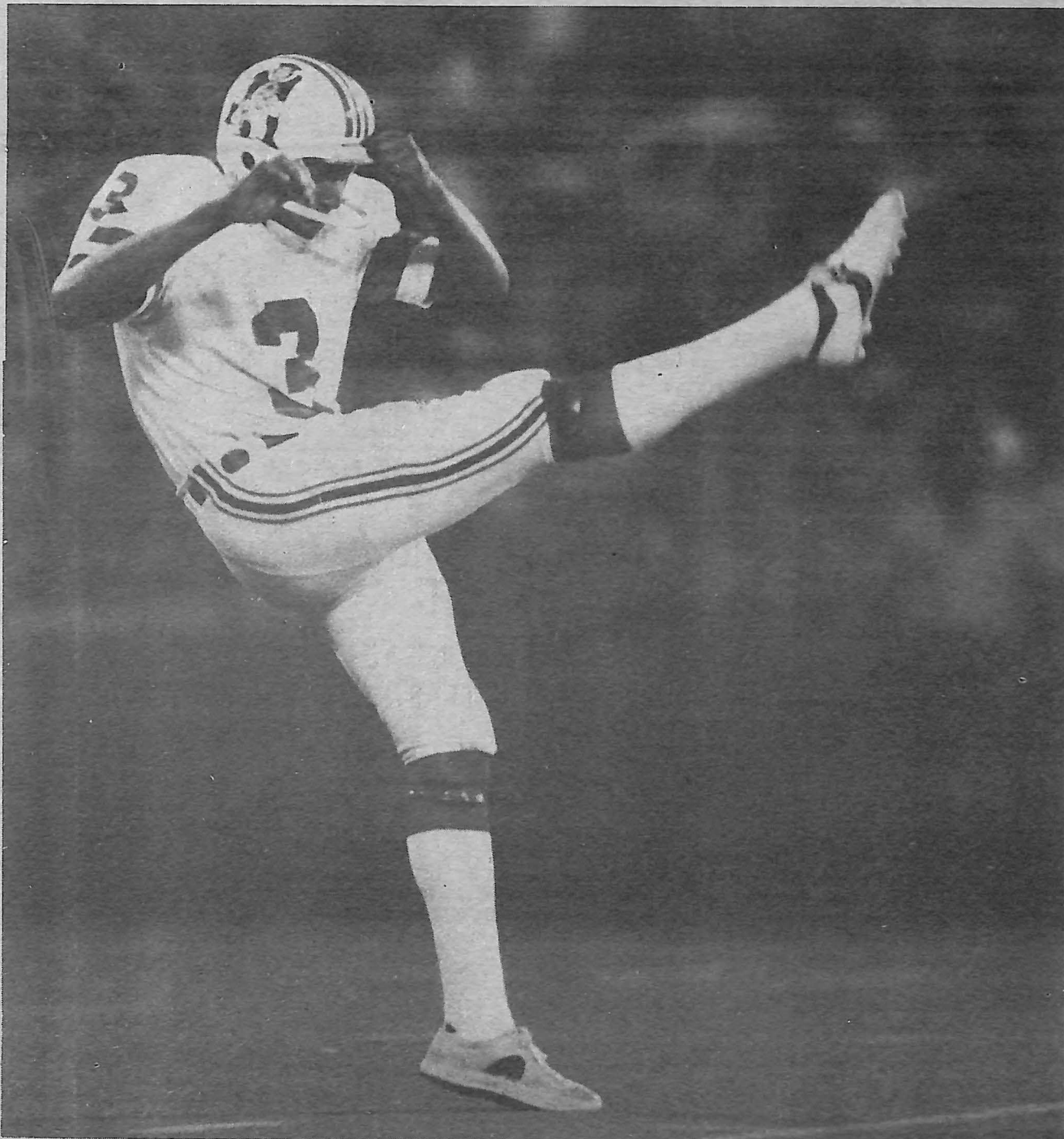
BROWNS by FOUR over STEELERS  
*Cleveland always gets excited on Monday nights.*

Last Week's record: 10-3 vs. final point spread  
Actual winners: 10 of 13

NOTE: Doug makes his picks before the opening lines are announced.

## Next Week's Issue

Next week's issue of the BEAR REPORT will feature extensive coverage of Sunday's home contest vs. the New England Patriots. It will also include a detailed preview of the upcoming nationally-televised game between the Bears and Vikings. That event will be played on Thursday, September 19 at the Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.



NEW ENGLAND PUNTER Rich Camarillo missed the first nine games last season with a knee injury but came back strong to average 42.1 per attempt. (Photo courtesy of the New England Patriots)



# Ditka Took 'Gutsy' Approach Concerning Kickers

When Mike Ditka announced the decision to keep placekicker Kevin Butler over Bob Thomas, he was only confirming what most people thought and what Thomas had feared since the draft: You don't pick a kicker in the fourth round to cut him.

Ditka had told Thomas and the press that the competition would have to be clear-cut.

"I lied," said Ditka.

The coach's comment was more one of expediency than explanation. He didn't want to dwell on the decision or its reasons; it was in the past.

But Thomas had been told Butler would have to beat him out. Butler said he had been told the race was open. In this regard, they told Butler the truth and lied to Thomas.

**REGARDLESS, THE** only thing the Bears could have done differently in the matter would have been to draft differently. This was the thing that puzzled Thomas the most. He had come off his best year ever and the Bears drafted a kicker higher than they ever had before.

At the time, the Bears said Butler was rated so much higher than any other player at any other position that they simply had to take him. He was a clear example of the "best athlete available" school of thought.

History will decide whether that was true or not, just as history will decide whether it was right or wrong to boot Thomas. Until history surfaces, however, Ditka's decision can be proven neither right nor wrong.

**UNTIL HISTORY** becomes clear at some point in the future, it is also fun to speculate on alternatives. Despite the Bears' pronouncement that Butler was the only choice they had on draft day, there were other possibilities.

Try this one: keeping Thomas and drafting Herschel Walker.

Butler was the 105th player chosen in the draft. The Cowboys took Walker with the 114th pick. Walker isn't a kicker, but with him on your team, you might not need a kicker. The premier running back in the United States Football League is a "future" pick depending on the sta-

tus of his USFL contract. But the Cowboys looked ahead, and at the rate USFL players are jumping ship, the future may arrive sooner than anyone thinks.

**WALKER COULD MAKE** history in a hurry. Since the Bears told Thomas they think he can kick for another five or six years, it isn't inconceivable that Thomas could have been kicking extra points after Walker's touchdowns.



By  
Don  
Pierson

It's just a thought. There are others.

How about keeping Thomas and drafting Colorado State tight end Keli McGregor? The Broncos took McGregor with the 110th pick and he has looked better than a fourth-rounder during training camp. Ditka always is looking for tight ends.

**HOW ABOUT KEEPING** Thomas and drafting Wyoming wide receiver Jay Novacek? The Cardinals took Novacek with the 158th pick. The Bears had expressed an interest in wide receivers, especially a big one such as Novacek, who might have helped them where they might

need help most.

Or how about keeping Thomas and drafting Michigan State cornerback Terry Lewis? The Chargers took Lewis with the 150th pick, when the Bears were still looking for cornerbacks.

When history arrives, other names may surface as interesting alternatives.

**IN THE MEANTIME**, it is to Ditka's credit that he didn't let history dictate his decision. In picking Butler over Thomas, Ditka showed no fear of failing. He even admitted he could very well have repeated a mistake he once made.

Ditka cut Thomas in 1982 in favor of John Roveto and had to bring back Thomas later in 1982 after Roveto failed to pan out.

This time, Ditka could have kept Thomas and said he had learned from his mistakes. He could have rationalized Thomas as the safe pick and pointed out that Butler has potential but the Bears need experience to get to the Super Bowl.

**NO ONE COULD** have second-guessed Ditka's logic. There is plenty of precedent. It happened to Thomas as a rookie in 1974. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams, who had David Ray at the time. Ray had just led the league in scoring. During training camp, Thomas outkicked Ray. But coach Chuck Knox told Thomas he was going with Ray because he felt the team had a chance to get to the Super Bowl. They didn't make it and Ray had an awful year, making only 9 of 16 field goals.

Earlier this summer, Washington Redskins' coach Joe Gibbs traded USFL rookie Tony Zendejas to Houston and kept veteran Mark Moseley.

"Someday I'm going to ask somebody to kick a 40-yard field goal in a driving rainstorm or ice storm and it may be my job or the team or the Redskin organization depending on them to put them in the playoffs," said Gibbs. "In the end, I felt Mark Moseley was the guy I wanted kicking for me when it counted."

**"I'M SORRY, BUT** I don't agree with that philosophy at all," said Ditka. "I'll ask our kicker to do it and he'll do it; that's his job. If you were afraid of personality you might

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KEITH VAN HORNE (left) accompanies Kevin Butler off the field after the rookie placekicker connects on an extra point. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

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# Kickers

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feel that way, but I'm not afraid of Kevin's personality. I think he can handle that pressure very, very well."

Ditka could have looked at other examples besides his own when getting rid of the veteran was a mistake. The Packers cut Jan Stenerud before last season and now Stenerud is haunting them as the 45-year-old kicker of the Vikings.

But Ditka made his own decision, supported by the club. It came from the gut, so Ditka was unable to explain it and unmoved to defend it.

"I'M NOT SURE we did the right thing, but we picked Butler and we'll go with it. The issue should be closed," said Thomas.

Thomas took it with class, even though he might have felt double-crossed.

"Kevin Butler is a good kicker and he'll do a good job for the Bears and I wish him and the Bears a lot of luck," said Thomas.

AS FOR HIMSELF, he will need no luck.

"He's a fine young man and he'll do alright in life

whatever he does," said Ditka.

Thomas would prefer to kick, at least for awhile. He has made 11 field goals in a row. Moseley's record is 23.

"I DON'T SEE how I have a chance to break Moseley's record if I don't kick," said Thomas. "I would at least like to miss one before I hang up the shoes."

On the other foot, Thomas could become the first kicker in history to go out on top. If he never kicks again, he would go down in history as the most unique placekicker ever. Maybe he wouldn't make the Hall of Fame, but he certainly would make Ripley's Believe It Or Not.

He outkicked Ray in Los Angeles and was cut. He outkicked Roveto in Chicago and was cut. He went to Detroit and kicked five of five field goals while Eddie Murray was holding out. When Murray returned, Thomas was cut. Now, he has been cut by the Bears after making 11 in a row.

IF SOMETHING WOULD happen to Butler, Thomas conceivably could come back. But that would be the unlikely story of all.

Two kids stood outside the practice field gates last week and yelled at Ditka: "Good decision on the kickers."

"Yeah," responded Ditka. "And if it doesn't work out, it's going to be your butts."

## NFL SCHEDULE

### FIRST WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

CHICAGO BEARS 38, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 28

New England Patriots 26, Green Bay Packers 20

Minnesota Vikings 28, San Francisco 49ers 21

Detroit Lions 28, Atlanta Falcons 27

Pittsburgh Steelers 45, Indianapolis Colts 3

Houston Oilers 26, Miami Dolphins 23

N.Y. Giants 21, Philadelphia Eagles 0

Kansas City Chiefs 47, New Orleans Saints 27

L.A. Raiders 31, N.Y. Jets 0

St. Louis Cardinals 27, Cleveland Browns 24 (OT)

Seattle Seahawks 28, Cincinnati Bengals 24

L.A. Rams 20, Denver Broncos 16

San Diego Chargers 14, Buffalo Bills 9

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Washington at Dallas (ABC) 8 p.m.

### SECOND WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

L.A. Raiders at Kansas City (ABC) 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

New England at BEARS Noon

Dallas at Detroit 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Tampa Bay 4 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Green Bay 3 p.m.

Atlanta at San Francisco 1 p.m.

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at St. Louis Noon

Houston at Washington 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at Miami 1 p.m.

L.A. Rams at Philadelphia 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Denver 2 p.m.

Seattle at San Diego 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Pittsburgh at Cleveland (ABC) 9 p.m.

### THIRD WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

BEARS at Minnesota (ABC) 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

N.Y. Jets vs. Green Bay (at Milwaukee) 3 p.m.

Tampa Bay at New Orleans Noon

Detroit at Indianapolis Noon

Cleveland at Dallas Noon

Denver at Atlanta 1 p.m.

Houston at Pittsburgh 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Miami 4 p.m.

New England at Buffalo 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Washington 1 p.m.

St. Louis at N.Y. Giants 1 p.m.

San Diego at Cincinnati 1 p.m.

San Francisco at L.A. Raiders 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

L.A. Rams at Seattle (ABC) 6 p.m.

### FOURTH WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Washington at BEARS Noon

Green Bay at St. Louis Noon

Tampa Bay at Detroit 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Buffalo 1 p.m.

Atlanta at L.A. Rams 1 p.m.

Cleveland at San Diego 1 p.m.

Dallas at Houston Noon

Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets 4 p.m.

L.A. Raiders at New England 1 p.m.

Miami at Denver 2 p.m.

New Orleans at San Francisco 1 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia 1 p.m.

Seattle at Kansas City Noon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (ABC) 9 p.m.

### FIFTH WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

BEARS at Tampa Bay 1 p.m.

Detroit at Green Bay noon

Minnesota at L.A. Rams 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Indianapolis Noon

Dallas at N.Y. Giants (ABC) 9 p.m.

Houston at Denver 2 p.m.

Kansas City at L.A. Raiders 1 p.m.

New England at Cleveland 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at New Orleans Noon

Pittsburgh at Miami 1 p.m.

San Diego at Seattle 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Atlanta 1 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

St. Louis at Washington (ABC) 9 p.m.



# Maness Is Ready To Display His 'Tough' Style

Despite catching a touchdown pass, James Maness didn't get much of a chance to be a standout in the Bear's exhibition games. His first-year status was compounded by his having been part of a TCU football program not noted for a pro-type offense (or many victories, for that matter).

"The quarterback was always rolling," Maness recalls. "We didn't have any drop-back passes. It was roll-out all the time. It's a lot different here in the NFL."

**MANESS VIEWS HIS** situation with the Bears as "kind of like going into your freshman year of college. You're starting at the bottom. It's hard to crack into a position this early. I'm screwing up now, making so many mistakes," says the rookie.

"Getting hurt in training camp was tough on me. I came into camp in perfect shape, and then re-pulled my ham-

By  
Michael  
Haggerty



string. That set me back. I can tell that I am behind all the other receivers. You can be in meetings and learn all the stuff, but learning it and doing it are two different things."

At TCU, Maness distinguished himself by setting a school record of 871 yards in receptions his senior season. Doing so meant going into the zone many receivers fear: the middle. Maness perfected it to such an extent that he was referred to as "The Master of the Tough Catch" by SWC-area news media.

**"AT TCU, ESPECIALLY** my last two years there, we threw the ball a lot across the middle. There were a lot of quick routes across the middle, a lot of posts and crosses across the middle. I made those catches and got hit hard.

"Our receivers coach, Charley Frazier, told me that there was one thing I should always remember: when you go across the middle you're going to get the hell knocked out of you," says Maness.

"He said that it's better to get up with the ball in your hand and flip it to the referee than it is to get up looking for the ball. He told me that you're going to get hit anyway, so go ahead and make the catch and get up smiling about it.

**"SURE, IT'S SCARY** going across the middle," he allows, "because you know that you're going to get hit. But it's something that you've just got to be able to do.

"It's something I've always taken pride in doing. It's not really that special. It's something you do because you're supposed to. That's your job. You're going to get hit. If you don't want to get hit, then you might as well get out of the game."

Maness' willingness to take a hit is significant, but his most outstanding characteristic is pure speed (4.37 in the 40-yard dash, 10.3 in the 100 meters). Being fast was something he first noticed in his early years of grammar school in the tiny (5,000) North Texas town of Decatur.

**"I WAS JUST** born with it, I guess," he says. "It was always something I never had to work for. It's a great gift. In the first four grades there were always guys wanting to outrun me, and I'd race every day.

"Instead of racing for money, we'd race for ice cream." And not just any ice cream. Maness' favorite was (and is) Blue Bell Ice Cream, a regional delight in the Lone Star State. Maness never bought, not even once.

## Injured-Reserve List

The following Bears are currently on injured-reserve: WR Brian Baschnagel (knee), DB Jeff Fisher (ankle), TE Mitch Krenk (back), G Stefan Humphries (leg), TE Pat Dunsmore (leg), WR Keith Ortego (knee), LB Dan Rains (knee) and T/G Joe Ramunno (back).



**AFTER THE BEARS** took the lead in the third quarter, Calvin Thomas (33), Matt Suhey (26) and James Maness rejoice. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

By the time he reached sixth grade he was "barrowed" to run for the track team of the junior high school located in the same scholastic building complex as the grammar school he was attending.

**HE FURTHER DAZZLED** track and football spectators in high school, where he also earned an A average. Maness was a solid B student at TCU, where he was a two-time All-American sprinter in track, in addition to his football exploits.

Maness had to summon a lot of energy to accomplish the grades he had at TCU, although he is of better-than-average intelligence. "It's pretty rough, and it's something

that a lot of people don't understand," he reflects.

"At TCU we were involved in football from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. every day. After working out and going to meetings for that long a period of time, you then eat and go home. You feel like resting, just kicking back.

"But that's when you've got to study. If you don't, if you keep putting it off, then you get behind."

Being behind is something he clearly does not enjoy, whether in the classroom or out on the football field. And so James Maness is waiting in the wings for his chance, trying to work his way to the day when, he's hoping, he'll no longer be "behind" with the Bears.

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# Bears Win

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Ken Margerum on a 16-yard pass which moved the ball into Buccaneer territory. A bit later, consecutive passes to WR Dennis McKinnon (15 and 12 yards) got the ball down to the 13. Three plays later, McMahon connected with FB Matt Suhey on a nine-yard touchdown pass in the far right corner of the north end zone. It put the Bears ahead 31-18 with 27 seconds left in the third quarter.

"That was just a tough situation," said McMahon. "Matt was supposed to go to the corner of the end zone but there was not much room to work with. He just kept weaving back and forth and tried to get open. When he turned his head, that's when I threw the football to him. I was planning to throw it somewhere."

Less than two minutes later, Shaun Gayle blocked a Tampa punt and the Bears took possession at the Buccaneer 13-yard line. Two plays later, McMahon carried the ball into the end zone on a one-yard bootleg to close the game's scoring.

"THE BLOCK BY Gayle was tremendous," said Ditka. "We got a touchdown out of it. It was just a big play."

"On a punt return, only two guys are usually left to block: the end guy or the fullback," said Gayle. "I really timed it pretty good. Our job is to contain the punter. If you get there in time, you have a shot to block it. You just don't want to rough the punter."

The collapse by the Buccaneers overshadowed a great performance by running back James Wilder. He was the workhorse of the Tampa offense last season and on Sunday he picked up where he left off. He racked up 166 yards on 27 carries (6.1 average) and scored one touchdown. He also caught one pass for five yards.

"I PLAYED WITH him in the Pro Bowl. He's not only a great athlete, but he's a super human being," said RB Walter Payton. Sweetness didn't have too bad a day himself as he compiled 120 yards on 17 carries (7.1 average). He also caught six passes for 37 yards. Payton didn't mind that Wilder outrushed him.

"It's the score that matters," Payton said.

Early in the game, DeBerg looked like he was going to have an All-Pro type of day. He completed his first six passes and threw three touchdown passes in the first half. But he cooled off a bit in the second two quarters as he finished the contest with 13 of 21 completions for 160 yards.

FOLLOWING A BEAR punt, DeBerg began Tampa's first scoring drive at the Buccaneers' 29-yard line. On the seventh play of the series, he connected with TE Calvin McGee on a one-yard touchdown pass to put his team in front, 7-0.

On the ensuing series, the Bears tied up the game on a 21-yard touchdown pass from McMahon to McKinnon. The drive included a 22-yard run by Payton.

"Dennis was about the fourth receiver on the touchdown play," said McMahon. "I didn't think there was anybody else open but him."



TAMPA BAY RUNNING back James Wilder (far left) had a great game as he rushed for 166 yards on 27 carries. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

"That is a good football team out there," the coach said. "I tried to tell you guys earlier in the week, Tampa is a good team. It was a good effort. I thought we needed 24 points to win. We had to get more. It took big plays from the defense and from Payton, McMahon, Suhey and the rest of those guys on offense."

"We play together. We're the Bears. We're gonna win or lose as the Bears."



GAME NOTES: A thermometer on the sidelines registered 133° during the game. "It was hot. I got a little dizzy out there at times," said QB Jim McMahon. "I guess Tampa Bay is pretty much used to this heat. But everybody is going to get tired on this kind of day." ... The 38 points scored by the Bears were the most compiled by the team in an opener since 1948 when they knocked off the Packers 45-7. ... The 28 points scored by Tampa Bay in the first half established a Buccaneer record ... Safety Gary Fencik, who intercepted a Steve DeBerg pass in the first half, has recorded 10 of his 31 career interceptions vs. Tampa Bay ... RB Walter Payton led all Bear receivers with 6 catches for 37 yards while WR Willie Gault grabbed 4 for 60 and WR Dennis McKinnon had 4 for 58. ... The Bears controlled the clock for 7 more minutes than Tampa Bay and outgained the Buccaneers 436 to 307 yards. The Bears compiled 27 first downs and averaged 6.1 on 71 plays. ... Quarterback Jim McMahon accounted for all 4 Bear touchdowns on offense as he ran for 2 and passed for 2. He completed 23 of 34 passes for 274 yards. He was sacked 3 times (for 23 loss yards) and threw 1 interception. "We're starting to open it up and throw the ball more. It felt good to get a lot of passing yards," said McMahon. ... The Bears' defensive leaders included DE Richard Dent (2 sacks), LB Mike Singletary (9 solo tackles) and Fencik (6 solo tackles). ... Rookie Kevin Butler connected on 1 of 3 field goal attempts. He hit from 38 yards, was short from 63 and pushed the ball wide right from 45 out. Three of his 7 kickoffs were not returned. ... Punter Maury Buford averaged 57.5 on two attempts. ... Following McMahon's final touchdown run, he gave the ball to G Kurt Becker to spike. The Bears were penalized 5 yards for taunting. "I don't care about the penalty. Our linemen deserve to celebrate," said McMahon.

## Contract Offers Withdrawn

General manager Jerry Vainisi has withdrawn contract offers to veteran defensive holdouts Todd Bell and Al Harris. Both became free agents after last season as their contracts expired.

"They both rejected our final offers the week before the Buffalo game," said Vainisi. "We don't want an offer sitting on the table for an unlimited time so they could come in any time and then we'd be forced to make a decision on our roster."

"THEIR VALUE GOES down because our offers were for a full season."

Meanwhile, Harris spoke to reporters last week and said he isn't about to throw in the towel.

"I've checked my heart over and over asking, 'Should I be doing this? If I didn't have faith in the Lord, I don't believe I could do this. But I hope the Bears win, not lose. They're my team,'" Harris said.

The Bears are currently offering Harris \$825,000 over three years. Harris is reportedly asking for \$1.45 million. Bell has been offered \$1.3 million over four years. He is reportedly asking for \$1.95 million over three years.



## Bear Report Letters

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### Glad Singletary Returned

Dear Doug,

I'm glad that Singletary is no longer a holdout. But if what Doug Buffone said is true (August 22 Issue), Singletary had no reason to hold out. He signed a contract previously. He should have abided by it. He risked being the next Tom Hicks for sure.

I have to disagree with Terrance Hicks in the Aug. 22 Issue (Letters page). I think it's much too early to call Perry one of the most impressive rookies the Bears have ever had. Heck, the season hasn't even started yet. And from what Ditka had to say about him, he's got a long way to go.

By the way, I liked the cover photo of the Aug. 22 Issue of Buddy Ryan and Perry. It was appropriate with the comments by Ryan (Perry is a wasted draft choice) and Perry's exhibition performance.

Nathan Lee  
Delbertown, OH

*Editor's Note: The August 22 cover featured defensive line coach Dale Haupt and Perry.*

### Good Preseason Game

Dear Editor:

Most preseason games are usually dull and boring but last night's Bear-Cowboy showdown was a real barnburner. Sure, it wasn't exactly playoff-quality football, but it certainly was far more interesting than most exhibitions.

I can't wait until the two teams meet again in November.

ber. Next time, the Bears will kick those blanking Cowboys all over the blanking field. I hate those blanking Cowboys!

A lot of the Bears impressed me with their performances. I love that Wrightman and that Tomczak kid. Both have a great future with the team. And what can one say about Sweetness. He is poetry in motion! Maybe he'll get 2,000 yards this year.

I was also glad to see Singletary, Fencik and Hampton back in the lineup. The Bears really need those guys. Also, I hope Bell and Harris get their butts in camp fast otherwise their blanking careers may be over.

Willie Jones  
Chicago, IL

### Post-Dallas Commentary

Dear Doug,

Sorry to say that the mail problem is still with us. For seven years the **BEAR REPORT** has been my link with our team. And for all these years the **BEAR REPORT** has been continually late in arriving. I got my August 22 issue three days after the Dallas game. That means it was 10 days late. I love the **BEAR REPORT** and never will stop subscribing but there must be something that we can do. This is terrible.

Some comments on the Dallas game —

- 1) A win would have been nice (but we'll get them in Nov.).
- 2) The guys look like they're ready for a fight (Van Horne) to the title. (The Grizzlies are on the prowl.).
- 3) Tim Wrightman and Thomas Sanders were outstanding.
- 4) Seeing the Fridge track down Hogeboom made my heart flutter with joy.
- 5) Dent was superb. Did you see Singletary? Out there with no practice. Give the man his money Mike M.
- 6) Sorry Dave Finzer.
- 7) Seeing the ice bag on Otis Wilson made my heart stop fluttering.
- 8) I'm worried about McMahon's back.
- 9) How dare Joe Namath question Steve Fuller when he elected not to take the chance on running that touchdown. He should talk. I know and all Bear fans know what Steve would have done had this been a regular game. We also know what Namath would have done. BELLY FLOP.
- 10) To all the guys who have to have that visit from the TIRK: Thanks for busting your cut for the Chicago Bears.

On this team everyone works hard and they work together. For those who did, we are proud to have you with us, if only for a short time. We only wish you could be with us on our march to the Super Bowl.

Rick Conti  
Medford, Massachusetts

### Wants To Listen

Dear Sirs,

I recently moved to Ohio from Illinois and I heard about WGN's network of stations across the midwest. I was wondering if I could pick up any in the Columbus area that broadcast Bears' games.

Thank You,  
Troy Dawson  
Groveport, Ohio

*Editor's Note: No Ohio-based radio stations are part of the Bears' network. The closest station to you is WEZR in Fort Wayne, IN.*

### Horrible ABC Crew

Dear Doug,

After watching the Bears and Dallas game, there are a few comments I would like to make. First, the ABC Monday Night Football crew is horrible! That includes Gifford, Simpson and Namath. I would like to ask Gifford who the heck is "Buddy Curry"; WHAT? (Could he possibly be speaking of the Bears' defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan?) Hell if I know. He alluded to "Buddy Curry" in the first quarter and did not correct himself. As for our friend O.J. Simpson, he was a good running back. However, in reference to his commentary on the games that he analyzed for Monday Night Football last year and so far this year — simply put — IT STINKS!!! Obviously, Simpson is nothing but dead weight and ABC should do something about his problem or else bad ratings will be in store once again this MNF this year. I really thought that ABC would have fired Mr. Simpson after his bad reviews last season.

Now on the 1985 Bears — I can see big problems for the Bears' offense this year if they don't get their act together soon. The Bears are 0-3 now (at this writing) after the offense did their job stinking up Irving. The Bears are averaging only a little over nine points a game in preseason and if this problem isn't corrected now, the Bears are in for a very long season. Believe me, the offense has very serious problems. I know that Walter Payton and Jim McMahon are great players but they can not do it by themselves. I really hope that nothing happens to McMahon this season because Steve Fuller isn't the same quarterback he was last season basing judgment on what I have seen during the preseason.

If the Bears can correct their mistakes in the preseason, they should go on to another 10-6 season and hopefully will win the division and get to the NFC Championship Game and then on to the Super Bowl XX. So let's GO BEARS!!!!

Gerard Piccolo  
Houston, Texas

*Editor's Note: With a 45-point outburst in the preseason finale vs. Buffalo, the Bears finished the exhibition campaign with a 19-point average.*

### Some Satellite Information

Doug,

I would like to shed a little light on finding programming on satellite T.V. I only had my dish for half of last season, and I had trouble finding the Bears sometimes. I believe CBS and NBC don't always use the same satellite when broadcasting regional NFL games. This year I know my system well and I plan to chart the satellites and see what the most-used channels are. Until then, check each satellite, and check every channel twice.

The Bears are out there somewhere.

More later . . .  
Patrick Eady  
Rosenberg, Texas

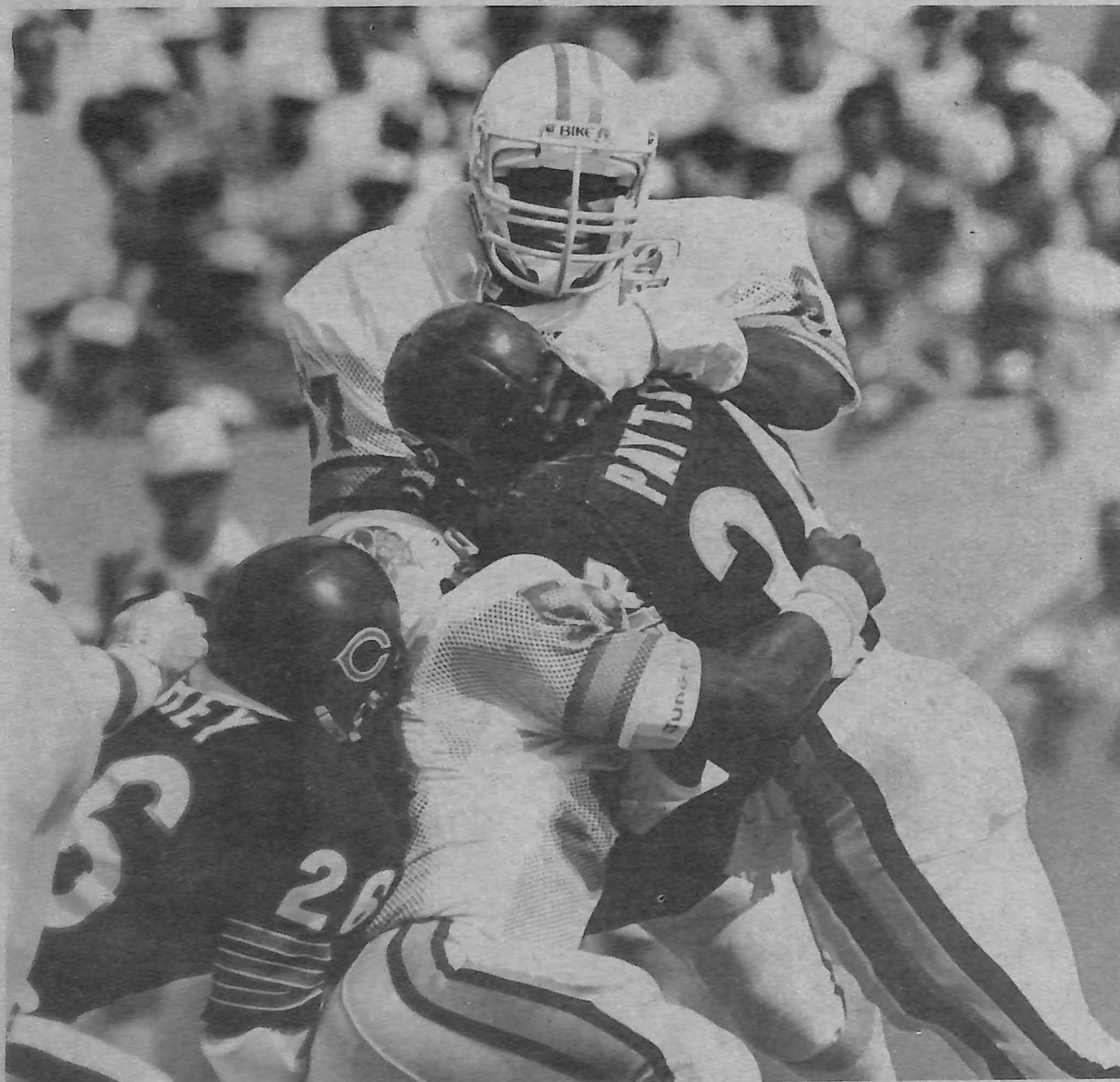
### Comparing Ryan & Ditka

Dear Doug,

From the amount of reading I've been doing, I'm starting to get the impression that Mike Ditka is 99 percent conversation and one percent preparation. Conversely, Buddy Ryan is 99 percent preparation and one percent conversation. Yet when Buddy speaks, he gets national attention. Of course, Ditka's "offensive" offense without Payton would be in deep trouble in the USFL. While Ryan's defense rates #1 or #2 depending on whose stats are more accurate. One of Ryan's memorable quotes was when he compared Rivera's "speed" as a rookie to yours when you were ready to "hang it up." Just what was your time in the 40? Did they use a stop watch or a calendar?

Nate Lehrmann  
Miami Beach, Florida

*Editor's Note: Doug says printing his 40 time wouldn't be suitable for family reading.*



RUNNING BACK WALTER Payton is stacked up by the Tampa Bay defense. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)



# Frazier's Interception Return Is Key To Victory

By Wally Gullick  
BEAR REPORT Staff

Mathematically, it's impossible for any team to be 1-1 after one game, but nearly 58,000 fans at Soldier Field in affect witnessed two games for the price of one, with the defending NFC Central Division champs earning the right to post the one and only win that showed up in last Sunday night's NFL standings.

Snake bit by two one-play touchdown drives, after getting beat up on an impressive seven-play, 70-yard opening march, the Bears trotted off the field to an ugly tone of boos and a 28-17 halftime deficit.

**BE ASSURED THAT** the 45 players emerged from the tunnel wearing the navy blue jerseys to begin the second half were the very same players, but this group that returned to the field had apparently spent the intermission locked in a 15-minute mini-class entitled "Motivation 101."

Leslie Frazier raced 29 yards for a touchdown with an interception, courtesy of Richard Dent, who tipped Steve DeBerg's pass on the second play from scrimmage in the third quarter, and Shaun Gayle provided the next big play when he set up Jim McMahon's second touchdown run by blocking Frank Garcia's punt on the Bucs' 14.

While those two plays will be saved for the Bear highlight film of '85, they proved to be an accurate reflection of how the Bears cruised to a 21-0 win in "game two." The second half heroics led to a 38-28 Bear victory.

"**WHEN WE WENT** out there in the second half, we were thinking turnover. Somebody had to make the big play," said Bears' middle linebacker Mike Singletary. Leslie Frazier, questionable before the game with a nagging thigh injury, responded to the demands of his defensive captain.

"I was thinking pass on that play, made the read on the quarterback and got a good break on it," said Frazier, whose play suddenly put the Bears back in the game at 28-24.

"There were some adjustments we made at halftime, but our turnaround was more attributed to guys settling down and playing Bear defense. Singletary and Gary Fencik both emphasized at halftime that we were the number one defense coming in and it was time we played like it," added Frazier.

**WHILE FRAZIER WOULDN'T** say for sure if his interception return for a touchdown was the key to the win, Tampa Bay skipper Leeman Bennett had no doubts.

"I think Frazier's play was the real key because it was such an easy score for them," noted Bennett. "We had been battling them and they were scoring on us, but we were giving it up in small bits of yardage, rather than a simple score in a matter of four or five seconds," added the Bucs' new skipper.

While Frazier provided the spark the Bears needed, the



**RUNNING BACK WALTER Payton (34)** gains some of his 120 rushing yards vs. the Buccaneers. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)

Bucs began walking the plank they built on their own, visibly shell-shocked by the turn of events.

"**YOU KNOW, THEY'VE** got a new coach and a lot of their players may not know how to rally back under a new system well enough. Maybe in a couple of years they'll be able to handle a situation like this better, but obviously at this point of time they did not handle it well," said Bears' defensive tackle Dan Hampton.

Few could argue with Hampton, after seeing how the Bucs managed only 26 yards in the third quarter, an unexpected follow-up to the record-breaking 28 first half points they had scored.

How could the Bucs, who rolled up 212 yards against the Bears in the first half and further humiliated the Bears not so special teams by recovering a misplayed punt return to trigger their fourth touchdown, do such an about face that left them looking like those loveable Bucs of old who debuted in the NFL as an organization with 26 consecutive losses?

"**WE PLAYED TWO** different halves. We played about as error-free football as you can possibly play in the first half and played just the opposite in the second half," noted Bennett.

"It really disappoints me to lose our concentration like we did in the second half," Bennett added.

Steve DeBerg, the Bucs' quarterback who clicked on eight of his first 10 attempts, including a 44-yard touchdown heave to sprinter Kevin House for the Bucs' second touchdown, credited the Bear defense for his team's woes.

"**IT WAS OUR GAME** to win and we let it get away from us. The third quarter was a terrible one for us and we just can't let that happen, although their 4-6 defense was making a lot of that happen," said DeBerg, who wound up clicking on only five of 11 second-half attempts for just 53 yards.

"The Bears didn't make any drastic changes in the second half, they just played more aggressive. They played like the Bears are supposed to play in the second half, and as a result they got back in it and wound up winning it," added House.

"We can't cry about winning the first half, because it's the team that wins the game that counts and they came back and did a lot of good things in the second half to win the game," added House. He didn't catch a pass after his first quarter touchdown reception.

While Tampa's top-flight receiver had no other recourse than to think about how things might be different when the Bears visit Tampa in game five, Hampton and the Bears were too busy savoring victory number one.

"We've got a lot of leaders and a lot of guys on this team that know what it takes to win and how to win. That's what champions are made out of, and I'm just proud to say we won today and Tampa Bay went home with a zero," Hampton concluded.

## Injury Update

Linebacker Brian Cabral tore cartilage in his left knee in the opener vs. Tampa Bay. As of press time, it was not known if his knee would require surgery. . . . Fullback Matt Suhey was shaken up in the first half of the game, but he did return to the contest.



**WITH THE HELP** of linebacker Otis Wilson, Richard Dent (in back) sacks Tampa Bay quarterback Steve DeBerg. (Bear Report photo by Jonathan Daniel)